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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 4146  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0079-00**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Katsuhiro SUGIYAMA, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2629  
Application No.: 10/578,348 ) Examiner: Pakee FANG  
Filed: May 5, 2006 )  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING ) Confirmation No.: 5177  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 23, 2009, the period for response to which extends through September 23, 2009, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.